Selection of films for IFFI

3466. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding the selection of films for Indian Panorama of the last International Film Festival of India at Goa;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any initiative to enquire it and the outcome of this; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the four films produced by Reliance had got entry to the Panorama?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaints have been looked into and duly replied.

(c) Among others, the four films produced by Reliance Big Pictures were selected unanimously by the Feature Films Jury consisting of eminent film personalities, for Indian Panorama-2009.

FM stations in Goa

3467. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of REFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FM stations operating in Goa;

(b) the types of programmes they broadcast;

(c) the coverage range of these stations;

(d) the number of news bulletins these channels or any of them broadcast;

(e) the timings and durations thereof; and

(f) the efforts, if any, being made by Prasar Bharati to increase the popularity of these channels and their use during emergency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) At present, only 1 FM station of All India Radio (6 KW) is functioning at Panaji in Goa. Besides one FM Gyan-Vani Channel (10 KW) of IGNOU is also functioning. In addition, three private FM radio channels are also operational at Panaji in Goa.

(b) FM AIR, Panaji broadcasts for 18 hours daily. It broadcasts mostly in-house programmes planned, designed and produced by the station which include live phone-in programmes, SMS and letter based programmes, sports programmes, guest hour, and special listener-based programmes.

Insofar as private FM radio stations are concerned, under the Grant of Permission Agreement (GOPA) signed between the Ministry of I&B and the private FM radio & broadcasters, the latter are